

14.(New) A recording/reproducing apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein the identification signal unique to said recording/reproducing apparatus is a manufacture identification number of said recording/reproducing apparatus.

### **REMARKS**

This paper is supplemental to the Preliminary Amendment filed 21 February 2002, and submits additional amendments and remarks for entry and examination in the above-identified application.

### **PENDING CLAIMS**

Claim 1 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer herein (Claims 2-10 were previously cancelled from the present application in the Preliminary Amendment filed 21 February 2002). Unrelated to any prior art rejection, new Claims 11-14 are submitted herein to adjust a clarity and/or focus of Applicant's claimed invention. Therefore, at entry of this paper, Claims 11-14 are pending for consideration and examination in the present application.

### **EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE**

The Examiner is herein invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the local Washington, D.C. area telephone 703-312-6600 to discuss any Examiner's Amendment or other suggested actions for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

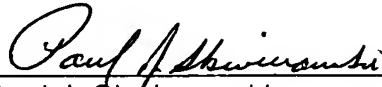
### **CONCLUSION**

This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment timely submits further claims for entry, consideration and examination in the present application within three (3) months of the filing date of the application, and therefore, poses no undue burden or time constraint on the Examiner.

Further, a total of four (4) claims, including two (2) independent claims, will be pending in the application upon entry of this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. Therefore, no additional claim fees or Petition fees for extensions of time are required for the filing of this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. Please charge

any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to ATS&K  
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Respectfully submitted,



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